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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. TRIP COORDINATOR ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT INFORMS US HE HAS
TELEXED PRINCE HASSAN AND IS COMMUNICATING WITH CHASE
MANHATTAN BRANCH MANAGER RANDOLPH OLD REGARDING PROPOSED
SCHEDULE FOR AMMAN. ROCKEFELLER PARTY PLANNING TO ADVANCE
ARRIVAL TIME FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, SO AS TO ARRIVE IN
AMMAN EARLIER THAT 1100 HOURS. HOPE IS THAT ROCKEFELLER
COULD CALL ON KING HUSSEIN PROMPTLY UPON ARRIVAL, THEN
BRIEFLY ATTEND RECEPTION HOSTED BY OLD TO CELEBRATE OPENING
OF CHASE'S AMMAN BRANCH. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH,
HOSTED AS APPROPRIATE BY ROCKEFELLER OR PRINCE HASSAN, AND
INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK, AND OTHER OFFICIALS
AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY AMBASSADOR AND OLD. (EXPECTATION
IS THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF ROCKEFELLER PARTY, OLD, AND
AMBASSADOR ALSO WOULD BE GUESTS AT LUNCH.)

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2. ROOSEVELT REITERATES HOPE THAT JORDANIANS WILL BE ABLE

TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION FOLLOWING LUNCH TO
DELIVER ROCKEFELLER AND JOSEPH REED TO ALLENBY (HUSSEIN)
BRIDGE AT 1630 HOURS.

3. BALANCE OF ROCKEFELLER PARTY TO FLY TO RHODES WHERE
THEY TO OVERNIGHT PRIOR TO FLIGHT TO BENGURION RPT
BENGURION AIRPORT TO PICK UP REED AND ROCKEFELLER FOR
RETURN FLIGHT TO UNITED STATES.

4. FOR AMMAN AND TEL AVIV: ROOSEVELT ASKS WE CONVEY
APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSIES' ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE WHICH,
INTER ALIA, DECISIVE IN DECISION TO USE BENGURION AIRPORT.
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